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DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. Claim 12 is amended by Examiner's amendment.
2. Claims 1-5 and 12-17 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
4. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with RONALD REICHMAN on 28 March 2005.
5. The application has been amended as follows:

Replace claim 12 in its entirety with the following:

12. The system claimed in claim [[8]] 1, further including:
a slot for depositing mail into the control chamber.

Information Disclosure Statement

6. The Information Disclosure Statement has been considered. An initialed copy of the Form 1449 is enclosed herewith.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to **James A. Reagan** whose telephone number is **571.272.6710**. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:30am-5:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, **James Trammell** can be reached at **571.272.6712**.

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